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## **MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was sentenced in federal court today for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported.

**Alejandro Medina-Hernandez**, 28, of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to three years and five months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 2, 2003, **Medina-Hernandez** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States after having been deported. Law enforcement officers found **Medina-Hernandez** on Aug. 1, 2003, in Pulaski County, Mo.

**Medina-Hernandez** was originally deported after he was convicted of importing marijuana in 2000.

**Medina-Hernandez** was initially charged with illegally re-entering the United States in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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